

## Memorandum on Ending Discrimination in the Armed Forces *January 29, 1993*

### *Memorandum for the Secretary of Defense*

**Subject:** Ending Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation in the Armed Forces

I hereby direct you to submit to me prior to July 15, 1993, a draft of an Executive order ending discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in determining who may serve in the Armed Forces of the United States. The draft of the Executive order should be accompanied by the results of a study to be conducted over the next six months on how this revision in

policy would be carried out in a manner that is practical, realistic, and consistent with the high standards of combat effectiveness and unit cohesion our Armed Forces must maintain.

In preparing the draft, I direct you to consult fully with the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the military services, with other Departments affected by the order, with the Congress, and with concerned individuals and organizations outside the executive branch.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON

## Nomination for Deputy Secretary of Commerce *January 29, 1993*

The President today nominated John A. Rollwagen, the head of the world's largest manufacturer of supercomputers, to be the Deputy Secretary of Commerce. Rollwagen is the chairman and CEO of Cray Research, Inc.

"The Department of Commerce will play a leading role in the development of a high skill, high wage economy," President Clinton said. "Having presided over a high skill, high wage corporation for 15 years, John Rollwagen can help us bring this about. As a proven CEO of a high technology company, Rollwagen is an

innovative thinker and highly respected manager. He combines business savvy, international experience, and high technology knowledge. I'm convinced that he is the best choice to work together with Secretary Ron Brown to make the Commerce Department a powerful part of our administration's work of restoring the competitiveness of American business," said the President.

NOTE: A biography of the nominee was made available by the Office of the Press Secretary.

## Remarks at a State Dinner for the Nation's Governors *January 31, 1993*

You ever had the feeling you've been here before? *[Laughter]*

Governor and Mrs. Romer and distinguished Governors and spouses and our very special guests from around the Nation, Hillary and I are delighted to welcome all of you here to our first state dinner. This is something that I have looked forward to for some time, and as I'm sure you know, I am delighted that this is the first official dinner we're having in the White House. I couldn't be more pleased to see you here.

Many of you were kind enough to come to the luncheon that I hosted, along with Hillary and Vice President Gore and Tipper, for all the Governors and former Governors with whom I had the honor to serve. And I would just like to say tonight on this occasion that I'm looking forward to getting to work with you tomorrow.

This country needs your involvement and your support to deal with the health care crisis, which

is threatening to bankrupt many of you; to deal with the budget crisis, which is undermining the economic stability of every State in America; and to seize the opportunities that are out there.

The time I spent as a Governor and the time I spent working with you and those who preceded you was some of the best time I ever spent in my life. I look back on it with great pride and gratitude. And to all of you I say that I honor the work that you must do, and I look forward to being a real partner.

I'm delighted that you're here, and I hope you have a great time tonight as we move from the dinner into the entertainment. I want to say that I expect to have a special treat tonight for you in the entertainment. I think you'll all enjoy it very much.

But please know here that this house is your house, that I am well aware of the fact that I am just a temporary tenant, and that while here I intend to do my very best to be faithful to the lessons that I learned as a Governor that most of what you do ought to be done by you and not by us. And I will try to be a good partner, and I hope you will be mine, as we get this country to face its problems and seize its promise.

I now propose a toast to the Governors and their spouses, friends, and family members.

NOTE: The President spoke at 9:13 p.m. in the State Dining Room at the White House.

## Remarks in a Telephone Conversation Congratulating the Super Bowl Champion Dallas Cowboys

January 31, 1993

*The President.* Jerry?

*Jerry Jones.* Mr. President.

*The President.* How are you doing, man?

*Mr. Jones.* Bill, I'm telling you, I appreciate this call so much.

*The President.* Congratulations.

*Mr. Jones.* Thank you.

*The President.* I'll tell you what, this is a lot bigger deal at home than me getting elected President. [Laughter]

*Mr. Jones.* I'll tell you this right now, you were an inspiration to us.

*The President.* Great.

*Mr. Jones.* I saw how to get out on a knee and come back up swinging.

*The President.* Thanks, man. This is great.

*Mr. Jones.* Well, I really appreciate this call. And I've got Jimmy standing by me.

*The President.* Thanks. I've got somebody who wants to say hi to you, and then I want to talk to Jimmy.

*Mr. Jones.* Okay, fine.

*Gov. Ann Richards.* Jerry, it's Ann Richards. Listen, I got to watch the ball game in the White House with Mario Cuomo.

*Mr. Jones.* Ann, you are wonderful for calling us.

*Governor Richards.* It was absolutely wonderful. And let me tell you, we gave him the hardest time in the world.

*Mr. Jones.* Well, you've answered my question: You didn't go easy on him then, did you?

*Governor Richards.* No, darlin', we did not let our foot off his neck.

*Mr. Jones.* Did you tell him you hadn't been to one we lost? [Laughter]

*Governor Richards.* Here's the President. We're so proud of you. You tell Emmitt Smith that he's number one for me.

*Mr. Jones.* Thank you, Governor. Thank you.

Hey, Mr. President.

*The President.* Yes, yes.

*Mr. Jones.* Thank you so much for calling. I can't tell you what it means.

*The President.* Thanks, Jerry.

*Mr. Jones.* And here's Jimmy. Here's Jimmy.

*Jimmy Johnson.* Hello, Mr. President.

*The President.* Jimmy, how are you doing? Congratulations.

*Mr. Johnson.* Well, thank you. I think you understand how much we put into this thing and where we are. I'll tell you, it's a great feeling for all of our guys.

*The President.* Well, you've come a long way in a short time and with a lot of courage. And I'll tell you, I watched your team all year long just basically wear everybody down by hanging in there, and it was amazing what you did.